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fair; brisk easterly winds.

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HISTORIC OLD CHURCH MAY BE GIVEN UP

Option Granted For New
York Avenue Property.

TO MAKE WAY FOR OFFICES

Entire Triangle Bounded by Fourteenth
Street, H Street, and Avenue
Pre-empted.

Preliminary steps in an important deal in Washington real estate were taken yesterday, when an option for sale was given by the owners of all the property bounded by New York Avenue, H Street and Fourteenth Street. Who obtained the option is not known. All parties to the preliminary deal decline to discuss the matter. One thing is assured, however—that if the sale is consummated, the finest office building in Washington will occupy the site in question. The properties have a frontage of 157 feet on Fourteenth street, 238 feet on H Street, and 265 feet on New York Avenue.

The most important property holdings in the triangle are those of the New York Avenue Presbyterian congregation, Henry Willard and the heirs of a number of estates. Mr. Willard was the prime mover in obtaining the option, and made a stipulation in tendering it that no hotel shall be erected on the property, if sold. This was done, it is thought, to protect the Willard hotel interests in the city, especially the New Willard, which the owners hope to make the finest hotel outside of New York city.

New York Men Interested.

It is rumored in real estate circles that the option has been obtained by New York capitalists who look favorably upon Washington as a place for investment, and that the price was about \$15 a square foot.

If the deal is closed, one of the most notable churches in Washington, the New York Avenue Church, will be razed. During the civil war President Lincoln occupied a pew at that church. Since then many of the nation's most illustrious statesmen have worshipped there. Associate Justice John Marshall Harlan is perhaps the most prominent of the present day worshippers, and the congregation is one of the strongest socially in the city.

INTERNATIONAL PARTY OF GOLD AND SILVER COIN

Senator Patterson (Dem., Cal.) yesterday offered an amendment to the bill relating to currency for the Philippine Islands.

The amendment authorizes the President to invite the governments of Great Britain, France, Germany, China, Mexico, and other countries to "appoint a commission to devise and suggest a plan by which a fixed commercial exchange relation shall be established between the gold coin of gold standard countries and the silver coin of silver standard countries."

When such a plan has been perfected the President is requested to present it to Congress, and to use his good offices to have it approved by the countries concerned.

THOUGHT ALLEGED MURDERER

HAD ESCAPED FROM GUARD

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A prisoner named Schiatter, to whom William Hooper Young is handcuffed to be brought in court, made a statement today that Young was planning to get a file, free his hands of their manacles, and then make a dash for liberty. As far as could be learned Young had not got any further with his plans than to talk about them.

Later, when Young and Deputy Sheriff Kelly left the Tombs for the district attorney's office, they went into the counsel room of the prison to wait until Mr. Clarke should telephone. When Mr. Clarke sent word, the clerk, who had seen Kelly and Young come out of the prison together, said that they had gone over. For about five minutes Young was "missing," and there was a great deal of excitement.

WASHINGTON WANTS NEW

YORK PRISONER FOR THEFT

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Herman Cordes, who was arrested in the Waldorf on Wednesday, was arraigned in Jefferson Market police court today and held in \$2,000 bail for further examination on Monday.

Detective McNamee, of Washington, D. C., was in court with a warrant for Cordes' arrest should he be discharged by Magistrate Flammier. The prisoner is accused of stealing from the room of George Tomkins in the New Willard Hotel, Washington, on January 4.

CHIEF OF ENGINEERS'

CLERICAL FORCE DINES

The first annual banquet of the clerks in the office of the chief of engineers of the United States army, was held at the Hotel Barton yesterday evening. The following toasts were responded to: "The Man Behind the Desk," Dr. J. Ben Nichols; "Any Old Thing," George J. Burton; "Navigable Waters and Mineral Waters," B. W. Vincent; "Salmagundi," M. W. Saxton; "Old Kentucky," L. Q. Rousseau; "Agnes, Where Art Thou," H. O. Nash; "The Ladies," H. A. Hard- ing.

STATEHOOD DEADLOCK TO BE BROKEN AT ONCE

Arizona and Oklahoma to
Be Admitted.

SENATOR QUAY TO AQUIESCE

Steering Committee Devises a Program
of Legislation—Three Pending
Treaties to Be Acted Upon.

The Senate deadlock on the Statehood bill will be broken. This was made a certainty yesterday at a meeting of the steering committee, when a program of legislation was informally agreed upon, subject to conditions that may arise from time to time.

Early next week, immediately after the passage of the District appropriation bill, an amendment to the Statehood bill will be reported to the Senate. This will admit two new States.

The bill will be drawn by Senators Beveridge and Nelson, and will be accepted by Senator Quay and his forces—the Republicans, at least—who have come to realize the futility of attempting to pass the omnibus bill against the wishes of the strong Republican leaders arrayed with Senator Beveridge against the measure.

The two new States will be called Arizona and Oklahoma. The first will be made up of the present Territories of Arizona and New Mexico, with the capital at Santa Fe. The latter provision it is understood, is to be effective for ten years, when the question of location will be submitted to a vote of the people. The other State will be formed of the present Territory of Oklahoma, with provision for the addition of Indian Territory as soon as the Indian land allotment has been completed.

It was agreed at yesterday's conference that all the pending treaties—the Cuban reciprocity, the Panama Canal, and Alaskan boundary treaties—can be ratified at this session, and that the Cuban treaty should be the first disposed of. Executive sessions will begin early next week, as soon as the District of Columbia bill has been passed.

ADMIRAL WILDES DIES WHILE COMING HOME

Was in Command of the Boston at the Battle
of Cavite.

The Secretary of the Navy received a telegram yesterday afternoon dated San Francisco, reporting that Rear Admiral Frank Wildes died yesterday on board the steamship China, upon which he was returning to the United States.

Admiral Wildes' last duty was as junior squadron commander of the Asiatic naval force. He was stationed at Cavite with the converted merchantman Rainbow as his flagship. On December 22, he was relieved from duty after having been "condemned" by a medical board and ordered to be invalided home. He sailed from Cavite for Hongkong on December 26 aboard the Rainbow, and left for San Francisco on the China early in January. Not realizing that he was dangerously ill, it was the intention of the Navy Department to order him to duty as commandant of the Puget Sound navy yard.

CONFEREES AGREE ON COMMERCE BILL

Interstate Commerce Com-
mission to Be Independent.

The conferees on the department of commerce bill have reached an agreement on the principal question at issue between the two houses—that relating to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In the House bill the commission was placed under the new department. The Senate struck out this provision and retained the commission as an independent bureau, as at present.

The difference of opinion promised a deadlock in the conference, but the House members last night agreed to recommend that the House recede from its position thus leaving the Interstate Commerce Commission an independent bureau.

GEORGIA LYNCHING MARKED

BY BARBAROUS ATROCITIES

AUGUSTA, Ga., Feb. 7.—A dispatch from Wrightsville, Ga., says that Leo Hall, a negro, shot and mortally wounded Sheriff D. A. Crawford last Wednesday in Washington county while Crawford was attempting to arrest him on some minor charge.

Over 300 men stormed the jail last night and took Hall out. Half a mile from the jail, in a clump of trees, the men stopped and Hall was tied. His throat was cut from ear to ear, and before he had time to bleed to death over a hundred shots were fired into his body.

His ears and fingers were cut off by members of the mob as souvenirs.

COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY TO BE REORGANIZED

President Needham's State-
ment to Alumni.

FUND OF \$500,000 NEEDED

Law, Dental, and Medical Schools to Be
Continued and Other Courses
United.

Columbian University is to be reorganized. The scientific and collegiate courses are to be combined and head professors will take the places of the present deans. The institution is to reach out and admit graduates of every high school in the United States. The university is to become a national seat of learning. To do this, \$500,000 are required and must be raised at once.

These important announcements were made by Dr. C. W. Needham, president of the Columbian University, to the Alumni Association at their annual meeting held last night in Assembly Hall. Five hundred graduates of the institution were present. The work of reorganization will be done in the course of the coming summer.

Officers Elected.

President Needham chose the annual meeting of the Alumni Association as the opportune moment to announce the proposed changes. The annual business meeting of the association was held at 8 o'clock and the following officers elected for the year: A. S. Worthington, president; Alexander T. Stuart, Dr. T. N. McLoughlin, W. V. R. Berry, Walter S. Barshman, John T. Doyle, and Frank E. Skinner, vice presidents; H. L. Hodgkins, secretary; John B. Lerner, treasurer; Chapin Brown, Dr. W. F. R. Phillips, and C. C. Clark, directors of university athletics.

At the close of the business meeting, President Needham made his announcements in an address to the alumni. This was done after a series of meetings of the board of directors of the institution, who have approved the plans, as proposed by the president of the university. The law, dental and medical schools will be maintained but other departments will be combined.

ADMIRAL WILDES DIES WHILE COMING HOME

Was in Command of the Boston at the Battle
of Cavite.

In the war with Spain, Admiral Wildes then a captain, commanded the cruiser Boston of Dewey's victorious Manila Bay squadron. He had been ordered relieved from command of the vessel, and just prior to the outbreak of hostilities Capt. B. P. Lambertson had arrived at Hongkong, where Dewey's squadron then was to take his place. Wildes, however, in spite of the order from the Navy Department for him to return home, declined to give up his ship to Captain Lambertson, on the ground that war was about to begin, and he could not afford to miss the opportunity to take part in it. He begged Admiral Dewey not to compel him to return home, and the latter found a way out of the difficulty by making Lambertson his chief of staff, and letting Wildes keep the Boston.

EX-CONFEDERATE WOULD PENSION FORMER SLAVES

Writes to Hanna Commend-
ing His Bill.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 7.—Capt. D. D. Draper, an ex-Confederate soldier, who was a slave owner, and is a prominent Georgian, has written a letter to Senator Hanna, commending the bill introduced by the Senator to pension ex-slaves. In his letter Captain Draper says, among other things:

"I read with pleasure of your proposed bill to take care of the old ex-slaves, and regard it as the most magnanimous act which could emanate from a big, manly heart."

"They were, and are still, innocent of the crime, neither to blame for their bondage nor liberation. Left at the close of that war, many are pleased to term the rebellion, without money and in many instances without friends, to care for them in their ignorance and poverty; they were not able to cope with the stronger race. They, too, have been impoverished and forced to make a livelihood, and to extend to them that nation which was in the hands of their former owners to do, in order to assure you that with former slaveholders such a bill hailed with delight and full approval."

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GRANTS PRIVILEGES TO DISTRICT RAILROAD

Entry for Potomac and
Chesapeake Line.

Representative Norton has introduced a bill providing that the Washington, Potomac, and Chesapeake Railroad Company may extend its tracks in the District of Columbia. The measure states that the Southern Maryland Railroad expended large sums of money constructing its road under an act approved June 27, 1882, and did extend its line into the District a distance of two miles, but was unable to complete it within the time limit set by the law, and that, by a decree of the United States circuit court a year and a half ago, its right, title, and interest were acquired by the Washington, Potomac, and Chesapeake Company.

The bill empowers the company to lay its tracks and erect structures over a route or routes east or south of the Anacostia River for the location of terminals and yards, and that all the rights, privileges, and franchises granted to the Southern Maryland shall be granted to the new company. The plans, and routes are to be approved by the District Commissioners, and the construction completed within three years. The measure also provides for reciprocal trackage agreements.

"BILL" SEWELL IS OFF FOR MAINE WOODS

President Roosevelt, before going to the Cabinet dinner last night, received "Bill" Sewell, his wife, daughter, married daughter, and son-in-law, who came to say good-by, and thank him for the glorious time they had enjoyed in Washington as his guests. The Sewells will start on their return journey this morning.

"I told the President what I thought of that reception, the other night," said "Bill," "and what we thought of the big Government buildings here."

"Yes, but we couldn't talk about the White House," put in son-in-law Fleetwood Price. "That is beyond us, up in Maine. We ain't got any building like that where we live."

Mrs. Sewell was quite composed, even in thinking of all the great rights they had taken in. "This has been a splendid trip for us all," she said, "and we will have lots to tell our home-folks about." Her two daughters echoed these sentiments fully.

ARMY OFFICERS CALL

TO SEE THE PRESIDENT

President Roosevelt received short visits yesterday afternoon at the executive offices from Col. A. L. Mills, superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and Col. Webb C. Hayes, son of the former President, who are in Washington on business.

Gen. Leonard Wood had a conference with the President. He will leave for the Philippines about March 15. The exact date has not yet been fixed.

Civil Service Commissioners Procter, Toule, and Garfield and Indian Commissioner Jones had two conferences with the President yesterday on pending matters.

Representative Hepburn of Iowa called to inform the President that the conference had agreed upon the Department of Commerce bill.

LORDLY MANOR GOES UNDER THE HAMMER

Colonial Home of the Lords
Baltimore to Be Sold.

ITS HISTORIC RELICS ALSO

Portraits by Van Dyke, King, and Wol-
leston Among the Treasures to
Be Offered for Sale.

Mount Airy, the old manor house of the estate of "Lordship's Kindness," the colonial home of the Lords Baltimore, rich in historical association and intimately connected with the early history of Maryland, is to be sold, together with the portraits, silver, and jewelry of many generations of the oldest branch of the famous Calvert family, the direct descendants of the first Lord Baltimore. The portraits, which are now in the Corcoran Art Gallery, together with the other heirlooms, will be sold at Sloan's on Wednesday and Thursday. The house will be sold on February 16.

"Lordship's Kindness" is only about sixteen miles from Washington, near Upper Marlboro, the county seat of Prince George county, and there still remain over 800 acres of the 10,000 in the original estate. The wing of the mansion was built by Charles Calvert, fourth Lord Baltimore, for a hunting lodge in 1735. His son Benedict and family resided there during the greater part of their lives, and it was there that his beautiful daughter, Eleanor, was wooed and wed by John Parke Custis, the step-son of George Washington.

The heirlooms to be sold include an unsigned portrait of Charles Calvert, fourth Lord Baltimore, which is said to be by Van Dyke. There are portraits of Benedict Calvert and Elizabeth Calvert by Wolleston, and one of Eleanor Calvert by King, besides a number by well known artists. The old relics which will be sold include a solid silver service engraved with the coat of arms and crest of the Lords Baltimore; knee buckles and shoe buckles set with brilliant stones; a number of earrings and pins sent by Admiral Thompson, of the British navy, to his sister, Arminia, on her marriage to Michael Carroll, of St. Mary's county, Maryland, and which later came into the possession of the Calverts; a gold and jet pin, containing hair of one of the Calvert family, and many other silver jewelry, crystal trinkets and other heirlooms of interest from their historical as well as their intrinsic value.

ALLIES NOW WANT AD INTERIM PREFERENCE

Not Agreed, But Consider-
ing New Demand.

Great Britain, Germany, and Italy, while agreed that the reference to The Hague of the only remaining question of the Venezuelan dispute is inevitable, are clinging to their desire for preferential treatment with a tenacity that has caused surprise here.

The protocol for the transfer of the Venezuelan trouble to The Hague will limit the decision of the arbitrators to the single contention of the allies that they are by right entitled to priority in the payment of the foreign claims. The allies are now considering, however, the advisability of including in The Hague protocol a provision requiring Venezuela to give them the major portion of the indemnity fund for the period between the raising of the blockade, and the decision of the arbitrators.

DEMOCRATS MAKE OFFER TO ANTI-ADDICKS MEN

Willing to Concede Regulars Long Term
Senators and Leave Other Open.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 7.—The crafty moves of J. Edward Addicks will, unless all indications fail, result in the election of two Regular Republicans by Democratic and anti-Addicks votes when the Legislature reconvenes Monday.

The whole situation now is clearly with the Democrats. They have offered to support the long-term nominee of the Regulars, leaving the short term open, and in this way defeat Addicks. This offer is held up by the Regulars, because it would give them only one Senatorship, and would forever drive away the lukewarm Addicks Republicans.

INSURANCE AGENT WAS

WITHOUT A LICENSE

On a warrant issued under the direction of the Insurance Commissioners, Benjamin F. Stultz, an alleged insurance agent for the United Aid and Beneficial League of America, was arrested yesterday by Detective Proctor on the charge of conducting his business without a license.

VENEZUELAN TROUBLES OVERSHADOWED BY WAR CLOUD IN MACEDONIA

LITTLEFIELD'S PUBLICITY BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Unanimous Vote Pushes It
on to Senate Pigeonholes.

After three days of discussion, the House yesterday afternoon passed the Littlefield anti-trust, anti-rebate, publicity bill without a dissenting vote. Each of the 245 members present when the roll was called, answered "yea."

This fact does not indicate, however, that the measure was not opposed in the course of the discussion, chiefly by Democrats, who offered various amendments, all of which were voted down, as were two amendments presented by Republicans.

Only two slight changes were made in the measure, and it was reported from the Committee on the Judiciary and these alter the verbiage rather than the purport of the measure. The bill will now go to the Senate.

There is small chance that anything will be done with it in that body. The probabilities are that it will never be reported from the Committee on the Judiciary.

As the situation now stands with respect to trust legislation, the Senate has passed unanimously the Elkins anti-rebate bill, which is so harmless that no one opposes it. The House has passed unanimously the Littlefield publicity bill. A conference committee of the two Houses has agreed to a provision in the Department of Commerce bill which establishes a bureau of corporations, in itself a sort of publicity arrangement for trusts.

TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS

FOR FRIARS' PROPERTIES

MANILA, Feb. 7.—Governor Taft, who has been ill with intestinal trouble, caused by using bad drinking water, was so much better today that he was able to go to his office.

He is preparing to resume the negotiations with Mgr. Guidi, the apostolic delegate, in regard to the transfer of the friars' and other church property in the archipelago.

These negotiations have been suspended for weeks owing to an accumulation of other business before the Philippine Commission, and Governor Taft's tour of the provinces.

TALK TO SENATORS AGAINST SMOKE LAW

Local Business Men Oppose
Measure Vigorously.

The smoke problem in the District of Columbia was given more than an hour's attention yesterday by the Senate subcommittee, composed of Senators Dillingham, Clark of Montana, and Maloney. More than a dozen voluntary witnesses appeared before the committee and testified to the utter impossibility of complying with the present law, which makes any infraction punishable by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$100.

The parties heard were representative of the commercial interests of Washington, and the unanimous opinion was that relief must be granted. Every witness but one told of two or more experiences in police courts, where they have been fined, and in one instance, that of Dr. Swope, vice president of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, seventeen arrests and thirteen fines of \$20 each were reported.

LEADERS EXPECT NO EXTRA SESSION

Little Credence is Placed in a Report
Circulated Last Night.

Little credence is placed in a report circulated last night that the President has decided to call an extra session of the Fifty-eighth Congress, to meet immediately after the expiration of the present session, if the trust legislation now under way does not pass.

The leaders of the Senate and House, however, believe that all the appropriation bills, the pending treaties, and the trust measures will be disposed of before March 4, and that there will be no necessity for an extra session.

KING EDWARD SO WELL THAT BULLETINS ARE DISCONTINUED

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Sir Francis Laking, physician in ordinary to the King, visited his majesty at Windsor Castle, Saturday morning. Afterward it was announced, officially, that the King was doing so well that further reports would not be necessary.

Jacksonville—St. Augustine.
Seaboard Florida Limited, the handsomest and fastest train to all Florida East Coast resorts. Ticket office, 1321 Pennsylvania avenue.
—Adv.

Great Britain Awakening to
Russia's Apparent Purpose
to Rule in Constantinople.
Evidences of a Partition
Agreement Between the
Powers.

Czar May Not Find Conquest
an Easy One--Turkish
Army Officials and Porte
on Alert--Trouble Fomented
in the Balkans--Alleged
Dismemberment Program.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—It cannot be said that the latest complications in the Venezuela muddle have been followed with any general public interest here or in Germany. Disgust is the only possible word to use to describe all classes of popular opinion in Great Britain in regard to the matter, and the desire is well-nigh unanimous that the government shall bring the quarrel to the speediest possible conclusion, at any sacrifice of material interest which may be necessary.

It is beginning to be borne in upon the English public mind that far greater complications are imminent in the near East, which threaten more serious humiliation than are possible in Venezuela, and it is hoped that the field will be cleared before the new crisis becomes acute.

Turk's Last Day in Europe.

Each day's news tends to strengthen the belief that the day of the Turk's last struggle to retain his foothold in Europe is close at hand. Russia's determination to sooner or later acquire Constantinople has, of course, been one of the recognized primary factors in European politics for many years. Her pacific declarations in regard to the danger of a Balkan rising, fit in so closely with British prejudice, which is so strong against Russia in these days, that English observers almost invariably see a malevolent ambition in every act of the Czar's government, but making all due allowance for this prejudice, it is impossible not to share the English suspicion and belief of the present moment that Russia has determined that the time is now ripe for the realization of her great ambition, and that she intends in the present year to extend her domain to the Bosphorus. This belief is undoubtedly shared by the Turk himself, and today's news of the Sultan's decision to mobilize nearly 250,000 men is a partial evidence thereof.

The Russo-Austrian Entente.

It is about a month since it was announced that Count Lambsdorff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, and Count Goluchowski, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, had arrived at "a complete understanding" in regard to an Austro-Russian scheme of reform for Macedonia, the details of which have not been published, although it now practically is too late to avert the rising which they ostensibly designed to prevent.

Trouble Due This Spring.

The Turkish view of the situation is lucidly set forth in the "Pall Mall Gazette" by a staff officer who served in the last Russo-Turkish war. He says:

"There have been many false alarms, but this spring trouble will come. The one convincing sign to be found is the circumstance of Count Ignatieff's tour of the Balkans. His commiseration of Russian victories was not a sufficient motive for his speech. These were of a sort calculated to make mischief. He did not improve those speeches, or make them on his own responsibility. That is not the Russian way. It follows that in fomenting trouble he was carrying out the settled policy of the Russian foreign office. It is reasonable to infer that the trouble he made publicly was not all the trouble he made."

"What one has to remember is that Macedonia is always ready to rise whenever she sees a chance of foreign assistance, but the leaders know perfectly well that without foreign assistance their case is hopeless. Bulgarian assistance is not enough. The Turks are quite capable of stopping the Bulgarians without bringing a single man from Asia Minor."

Russia Assured a Free Hand.

This fact is well known in Macedonia, Bulgaria, and Russia. There will be no serious rising in Macedonia until Russia gives the word. If Russia gives the word, it will be because she is sure of a free hand, without interference from the other powers. Has Russia free hand? At present everything depends on the answer to this question, and I believe it can be answered in the affirmative.

"Take the powers one by one. Since Lord Salisbury's speech about putting money on the wrong horse, Russia has held that England does not count in Balkan politics. France is her ally, and the alliance may be presumably relied upon to keep Germany quiet.

"Some small concession on the Adriatic coast would easily conciliate any